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NASA Visitor Center Events Scheduled for April

April 7 -- "Model Rocket Launch"

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

April 8 -- "Bike Tour of the Main Base"

Learn about Wallops Flight Facility as you ride your bike on the NASA Main Base. Participants must bring their own bicycles, wear a helmet and sign-up at the Visitor Center. The tour starts at 3 p.m., is 3 miles long and takes approximately an hour. The tour will be cancelled if it is raining.

April 21 -- Earth Day Celebration

Participate in Earth Science related activities from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9 a.m. **Plant a flower for Earth**

10 a.m. **Marsh walk**

Learn about plants and animals living in a marsh environment. The marsh walk is guided by personnel from the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

11:15 a.m. **Phytoplankton** - Build a plankton net and discover what lives in the water. All materials provided by the Visitor Center.

1:15 p.m. **Plant a flower for Earth**

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1:45 p.m. **Make a biosphere** in a soda bottle. Bring a 2-liter soda bottle for this activity.

3 p.m. **Earth Jeopardy** - Bring the family and match wits with your peers in a friendly game of Earth Day Jeopardy.

Plant a flower for Earth

4:15 p.m. **Bike Tour of NASA Main Base.** Learn about Wallops Flight Facility as you ride your bike on the Main Base. Sign-up at the Visitor Center Front Desk. All participants must wear helmets. The ride is 3 miles and takes about an hour. The ride will be cancelled if it is raining.

Activities that take place throughout the day include a scavenger hunt, make an Earth Day flag and pine cone mosquito and receive special handouts while the supply lasts. Teachers can receive an Earth Science Educator Packet.

During the month on Saturdays and Sundays, the 10-minute puppet show, "Puppets in Space", is presented at 11 a.m. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey explore space flight and the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

On Sundays at 1 p.m. a 30-minute program on "Humans in space" is presented. The program looks at living and working in space and includes a review of the astronauts' meals and their wardrobe. The program is followed by an activity during which children have the opportunity to create their own "space helmet."

Children aged 5-10 years old can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their visit by completing an activity sheet.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Monday. Located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA., the Visitor Center is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Admission to Visitor Center Programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

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